



Nancy Buys a Bonnet

Even a three-year-old junior miss has a difficult time choosing the right hat to wear with her new Easter outfit. The problem is illustrated above by Nancy Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown of 2822 Olive St., as she makes her selection at the Broadway Del Amo.

After viewing herself in the mirror while trying chapeau after chapeau, she finally comes up with one that's just right. Mother, who will undoubtedly pay for it, and the saleslady who has undergone agonies of despair, are probably just as happy as Nancy when the choice is finally announced. So, probably was Torrance Press Photographer Dot Daniel, who recorded this shopping expedition.



SWORD PLAY—Det. Wally Nitz, left, and Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton inspect a Japanese Samurai sword allegedly used in an assault in Waveria early Tuesday. Edward Cantale, 39, was taken to Riviera Hospital with wounds in his arm and abdomen. —Press Photo.

Butcher Slashed with Jap Samurai Sword

A Compton man who allegedly slashed a Torrance butcher with a Japanese Samurai sword was released by police after the district attorney's office declined to issue a complaint Tuesday.

The victim of the asserted assault, Edward Cantale, 39, is in Riviera Hospital with a deep wound in his forearm and abdominal wounds which required 27 stitches, Det. Sgt. Don Hamilton said.

Booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, and later released, was Marvin Lane Schultz, 32, of Compton, an auto body and fender repairman.

Police said the alleged stabbing occurred early Tuesday in Cantale's home at 24249 Hawthorne Blvd., following an argument between the two men.

Schultz's wife, Betty Louise, 32, was also present during the one-sided duel.

Investigators said that during the argument, Schultz grabbed one of two Japanese ornamental swords from the wall in Cantale's home and struck him with the weapon while it was still in its wooden scabbard. The case splintered and Cantale was cut by the sharp three-foot blade.

Police said that Cantale refused to sign a complaint against Schultz.

Rotary to Build Play Site

A matching fund project for the development of a children's playground at Sea-Aire Park, was offered to the city by the Torrance Rotary Club this week.

The club, which last year installed barbecue pits in El Nido Park, offered to construct curbs, walks and a wall around the play area, provided the city pays for playground apparatus.

Harry B. Van Bellehem, director of the Recreation Department, has approved the project and urged that the city perform the engineering and spend between \$2200 and \$2500 on play equipment as a starter.

Under the plan, the service club will spend an equal amount and their members will do the actual work during the first three weekends in May if its board and the city approve the project.

Urge Diplomatic Committee During Freeway Building

Formation of a citizens committee to handle "diplomatic" functions during construction of the San Diego freeway, was suggested to the City Council this week.

The recommendation was made by Mrs. Margaret Clark, president of the North Torrance Civic Association.

She said that many traffic complaints will undoubtedly arise during the building phase of the freeway and that a citizens committee may investigate problems that other communities have encountered in the past.

She said that the committee could also handle complaints and in general function as a safeguard and diplomatic body.

Await Autopsy Report in Telephone Booth Death

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Seek Cut in Accidents

7 Youths Hurt in Mishap

Seven teenagers were injured Saturday night when their sedan spun out of control and smashed into a power pole on Lomita Blvd. just east of Hawthorne Blvd.

Paul Vincent Maciel, 19, of Hawthorne, told police that he lost control of the car when it hit a dip. He suffered a compound fracture of his left leg when he was thrown from the vehicle.

He and six passengers were taken to Harbor General Hospital, where most of them were treated for cuts and bruises.

Others who were injured included Mariquita Romero, 17, Paul Romero, 19, Nancy Cordero, 12, Lilia Cordero, 16, and Alice Cordero, 14, all of Lawndale, and Irene Lupe Gomez, 17, of Hawthorne.

In another weekend traffic mishap, Frank Edward Carlson, 18, of 17038 Dalton Ave., Gardena, was taken to Harbor General Hospital in a coma, after his auto struck a center divider post on Western Ave. in front of Douglas Aircraft, police said.

Donna Rae Moore, 16, of 2851 Monterey St., was given emergency treatment after she suffered a leg injury when flung from a sports car which collided with another vehicle at Madrona Ave. and Carson St., officers reported.

She was a passenger in the car driven by Gary Ray Thomas, 18, of Northridge. The other machine was operated by Bass Raven Crow, 30, of Redondo Beach, police said.



EARLY EASTER—Three little cousins participated in an Easter egg hunt staged at El Retiro Park Tuesday by the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. Scrambling for the eggs are, from left, Chris Parker, 2½, David Smith, 3, and Paula Smith, 3. —Press Photo.

EXTEND TOWER TIME
Extension of airport tower operating time by three hours, from 8:30 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset, seven days a week, beginning April 15, was requested by Airport Manager Jack Egan.

Street Design Blamed

A recommendation to hire a traffic engineer to find ways to cut the city's auto accident rate will be recommended shortly by the Traffic Commission.

"There's been such a rash of accidents, something should be done to designate through and stop streets," declared Councilman Robert Jahn, who simultaneously announced he wanted to be relieved as chairman of the traffic commission.

The job was given to Councilman Nickolas O. Drale who immediately volunteered for the post.

Jahn said that the reason for the recent number of accidents has in his opinion been caused too many stop signs and signals on major through streets, causing motorists to use secondary streets for quicker commuting.

Jahn said the commission will shortly recommend that City Manager George Stevens determine if there are enough funds available to hire a traffic engineer either part or full time, to provide expert advice.

The City Council also filed a petition to install signals at Torrence of two recent accidents in which persons were injured.

The engineering department announced it intends to install signals at that location as well as three others from funds in the traffic fund.

Death of Executive Probed

Results of an autopsy are awaited to determine the cause of death of a Torrance industrial executive who died mysteriously in Chicago Saturday.



LEON FONTAINE
Leon N. Fontaine, 35, of 2405 Nearcliff St., was found dead in a telephone booth.

Shop manager for WesTrac Co., of 1309 Sepulveda Blvd., he had been on a business trip for the Torrance tractor parts manufacturing concern.

Although a preliminary autopsy report indicated that Fontaine died of natural causes, his sister, Maxine Fontaine, with whom he made his home, expressed doubt.

She said that he had only recently undergone a medical examination and was pronounced in good health. She voiced suspicion that her brother may have met with foul play.

"We won't know for eight or 10 days what the autopsy tests will reveal," she said.

Fontaine was a World War II Navy veteran and was with the Ford Motor Co. for several years before he joined the Torrance firm six years ago. He had been a Torrance resident for the past seven years.

Funeral services were conducted in Lake Linden, Mich. where he was born.

City Noses to Be Counted in Special Census Next Month

A gigantic nose-count, designed to place Torrance's population over the 100,000 mark, will start here Wednesday and last approximately one month.

The census headquarters will be established in the old city hall building, 1511 Cravens Ave., where approximately 110 enumerators will be hired to count the city's population.

Vernon L. Miller will arrive here next week to take charge of the counting job and interviewing a total of 200 enumerator applicants.

Candidates for these jobs must be United States citizens and at least 18 years of age. They will receive six cents for each name.

City Manager George Stevens recently suggested that another special census be conducted in order that Torrance be eligible for increased revenue sources based on population.

It will be the sixth special census since the regular one in 1950. The most recent one was completed in December of 1957.

Cracks Speed Barrier
Fred Silagy of Torrance became the first American to crack the 100 m.p.h. mark in a speedboat drag race from a standing start, over a quarter-mile run.

He set the mark Sunday, during the wind-up of a two-day meet in Long Beach Marine Stadium.

Councilmen Study Vehicle Pact

An agreement under which South Bay cities will permit their manpower and equipment to be used by each other in case of an emergency, was submitted to the Torrance City Council for study this week.

The agreement provides that all types of police, fire, street water, and rubbish equipment, as well as their manpower, may be leased out to another city, if needed.

Business Area Planting Asked

Request to plant trees in the downtown business section was made this week by the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

The merchants' resolution asked the city to plant the trees in front of stores in the downtown area. They offered to take care of the trees for the first three months, and afterward turning the task over to the city Park Department.

New Press Service

Beginning April 1, residents within the Torrance Press circulation area who have not received their copy by 2 p.m. on Thursdays, will be assured of delivery if they call in their request by 4 p.m.

This is in line with the policy of delivering this newspaper to all homes in the circulation area regardless of whether the carrier boy is paid for his delivery.

However, it is pointed out that the carrier boy's income depends to a great extent on the collections he makes on his route. The nominal charge of 25 cents per month is made if the Torrance Press is delivered on Thursday only. Boys will collect 45 cents if delivery is made both on Thursdays and Sundays.

All persons who reside in Torrance will be guaranteed twice a week delivery if they pay 45 cents to the carrier.

These boys are independent young businessmen who are building character as well as earning money by working their routes.

Be sure to demand a receipt whenever the boy calls to collect for the preceding month. Collections for March will start today.



RIBBON SNIPPING—Mayor Albert Isen gives Betty Baker, Miss Torrance, an assist during the ribbon-cutting ceremonies that marked grand opening of the new Foods Co. market at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. Tuesday. Participating in the ceremony, from left to right, are Police Chief Percy Bennett, Jim Harmon, assistant Chamber of Commerce manager; Miss Baker; Isen; A. Schwartz, store manager, and City Manager George Stevens. —Press Photo